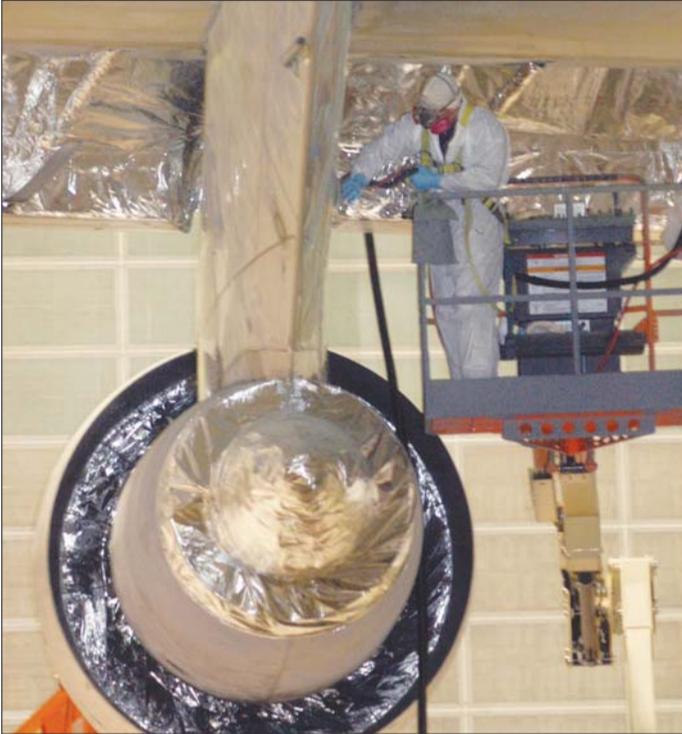


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Joseph Newton sands a C-5 engine pylon in the Paint Depaint Facility.

Air recirculation system in Robins paint depaint facility earns special recognition

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An air recirculation system used to give workers clean air to breathe in the paint depaint facility in Bldg. 59 at Robins recently received special recognition for its environmental and safety benefits.

The project was recognized in early July as part of the "You Have the Power" campaign under the Federal Energy Management program with the Department of Energy. The campaign began in 1997, with 20 federal agencies participating in the drive.

Jerry Thovson, base project manager in the 778th Civil Engineer Squadron's Design and Construction Management Branch, said the pro-

gram helps the agencies reach milestones in energy savings.

"(The campaign) helps federal agencies reach their energy goals by raising awareness about energy efficiency of federal agencies and recognizing innovative energy and water-saving practices and technologies," he said.

The 225,000-square-foot paint depaint facility, which is located just inside Gate 2 at Green Street, is comprised of two 65,000-square-foot bays used for the paint and depaint process of C-5 Galaxy, C-17 Globemaster III, and other similar-sized aircraft.

Mr. Thovson said the facility's paint bay is now in full operation and has processed five air-

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Making history



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A construction worker at the World War II Hangar at the Museum of Aviation works on a ceiling beam in the early morning light.

Museum of Aviation's World War II Hangar on target for mid 2008 grand opening

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The Museum of Aviation's plans for a new World War II Hangar have recently produced tangible results that can be seen from Ga. Highway 247.

Construction began moving on the 60,000-square-foot hangar, which is to be located just north of the museum's Century of Flight Hangar, with a ceremonial ground breaking in September.

In a matter of a few months, site work was completed and by June of this year, framing for the wall sheets were in place.

The \$4 million hangar, which was designed and built

by JMA Architects in Perry, Ga., and Piedmont Construction Group of Macon, is expected to be completed by mid-2008, and the Museum of Aviation and the Museum of Aviation Foundation couldn't be happier.

Marilyn Ashmore, Capital Campaign director for the Museum of Aviation Foundation, said the hangar will open doors for growth at the museum.

"We presently have 51 acres at the museum and we have four buildings," she said. "All of them currently have exhibits and aircraft and don't have much room for bringing in additional planes from out-

doors. So we really needed to build new buildings and a couple of years ago decided that we would."

The sprawling hangar will house about 16 World War II aircraft and several displays including the Flying Tigers, the 14th Air Force, the P-40 Warhawk, the Tuskegee Army, and the story of the hump pilots from the war era.

About three aircraft from each of the museum's existing buildings and about three to four aircraft from the museum's outside displays will join to create the new hangar's aircraft

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Operations Air Force cadets land at Robins

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During the last few weeks members of Team Robins have been imparting knowledge on a group of college students who hold the future of the Air Force in their hands.

Robins is hosting 27 Air Force Senior ROTC cadets through August 1 as part of the Operations Air Force program.

The cadets, who all just completed their freshman year of college and are from schools across the nation, are here as part of the internship program's first installment, Operations NCO.

"It's basically a chance to get hands-on experience early on," said Capt. Kevin Chivington, commandant of cadets at Embry Riddle's Daytona Beach campus and the escort officer for the cadets.

The internship program allows the cadets to develop an



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Cadets Cody Herman, Rachel Fesmire and Patrick Flynn listen as Senior Airman Samuel Finch, F-15 Depot technician, explains testing of a low-volt power supply for an F-15.

appreciation for the enlisted force.

"We learned how to work with NCOs, how to treat them and how to work together, because that's how the mission is achieved. It shows us how to make ourselves better officers," said Cadet John Devine from

Mississippi State University.

The objectives of the program include becoming acquainted with everyday tasks, activities and perceptions of Air Force officers and enlisted personnel, getting educated on the

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Sealing the deal



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Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, shakes hands with Tammy Parkerson, contracting officer for the support equipment commodity council, at the Third Party Logistics contract signing ceremony Monday. Representatives from four businesses the 583rd Combat Sustainment Squadron contracted with to improve its acquisition process look on. They are David Ledford, Boneal president, H.R. Washburn, ATAP president, Allen Hines, AGT president and Sam Boyle, TKC Aerospace, Inc., CEO. The first-of-its-kind contract will revolutionize the way Air Force Materiel Command will support its supply management initiatives. These new processes will reduce administrative time, costs and ultimately will better support the warfighter.

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workings of operational units and familiar with the Air Force way of life. The rising sophomores spend three weeks taking tours, gaining hands-on experience and shadowing Air Force personnel in a variety of career fields.

"It has shown me that there are different things, other than a pilot, I can be, stuff that is not as publicized such as the maintenance wing. By being here, it makes you want to think about other areas you could pursue," said Cadet Devine, who is assigned to the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron.

When the cadets arrived, they visited Warrior Air Base and got a chance to experience the affects of leftover gas residue used in training exercises.

"With the K-9 units, we got to get the gear on and have the dogs come out and attack us," said Cadet Lauren Benhamou from Wilkes University.

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craft to date. The facility's depaint bay is expected to become operational by December.

The new facility's air recirculation system works by taking the 2.5 million cubic feet per minute of air that is required to be processed through the hangar's bays and returning 80 percent of that air flow as clean air.

The air, which has been heated or cooled and humidity controlled, represents a lot of energy that is being returned into the system instead of being exhausted out of the stacks, Mr. Thovson said. He said the air recirculation system means big savings for Robins.

"By doing air recirculation, we've reduced the peak cooling electrical demands from over six megawatts to just one and a half," he said.

To put those statistics into perspective, Mr. Thovson said the base runs about 60 megawatts. Without air recirculation, the Paint-Depaint Facility would've easily gone up to 30 percent of the entire base's load in that one building.

The project manager said the building's natural gas demand was reduced from more than 200,000 cubic feet per hour to less than 50,000.

In all, the air recirculation system saves about \$2 million in heating and cooling costs each year. That money will go to support flying missions, Mr. Thovson said.

Monetary savings are only half of the system's benefits.

Toni Hurley, an industrial hygienist in the 78th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, said the health and safety of workers in the facility was as important as energy savings.

"My part of (the project) was to be sure that it was in compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations and that workers were always in a healthy situation," she said.

Ms. Hurley said after some debate with team members and OSHA reps to work out the details of the system, the team implemented a three-stage filtering mechanism where air goes through and is monitored for organic chemicals.

"If at some point our monitor detects high levels of chemicals in that recirculated air, it will shut down paint guns and it will automatically bring in 100 percent fresh air so that workers will never be compromised," she said.

Audible and visual alarms will also be indicators to workers if chemicals are detected in the recirculated air, Ms. Hurley said.

Kyle Moody, a mechanical engineer in the 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group's Aircraft Maintenance Support Squadron who represents facility users' needs in the project, said the system went over well with workers.

For some, life at Robins was an experience like no other. Cadet Aaron Clovsky from Illinois Institute of Technology, said, "It's really cool. This is absolutely my first time on a military base."

Along with showing the cadets the vast opportunities available to Airmen, the program helped the cadets learn to respect the roles of the enlisted and officers in the Air Force mission.

"I think getting to see the NCOs doing their job teaches us that we don't work without the NCOs corps," Cadet Clovsky said.

Cadet Jeff Movsesian from Michigan State University said one of the most unexpected things about working with the 19th Air Refueling Group on the flightline was the unimportance of rank when it came to accomplishing the mission.

Cadets Benhamou and Clovsky agreed. They said being assigned to the 5th Combat Communications Group helped them understand how important

"The workers are real happy with what they've seen so far, and looking at Bldg. 54 where they're coming from. (One of the workers) said, 'We went from the Beverly hillbillies to Beverly Hills.' They've got a really nice facility," Mr. Moody said.

The air recirculation process is constant when the paint process is ongoing, Mr. Thovson said. All air on the dock is completely washed every two to three minutes.

The "You Have the Power" campaign poster series highlights extraordinary contributions of both people and projects. The posters recognize innovative energy and water-saving practices and technologies. Posters from the campaign will be distributed throughout the Air Force as part of Energy Awareness Month in October.

every job within the Air Force is.

"In the back of your head you know it goes on, but to see it up front and actually be a part of it and be out there digging in straight clay it makes it real," said Cadet Benhamou, while learning to build a bare base with the members of the 5th CCG as part of the group's mobility school training.

Master Sergeant Jeff Stroup, the 402nd Electronics

Maintenance Group POC for the cadets, said he just hopes the experience of interacting with the enlisted Airmen will stay with them when they return to be part of the mission as officers.

"I just hope they all learn to respect the enlisted when they get in and to understand what we do," said Senior Airman Lisa Lantz, a member of the 5th CCG who was shadowed during the program.

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collection, Ms. Ashmore said.

Ms. Ashmore said plans are already in the works for the hangar's displays.

"We're already in the planning for the story line and for all of the artifacts and everything that will come together inside the building," she said.

The hangar will accommodate five large exhibits, Ms. Ashmore said.

Pat Bartness, president and chief operating officer of the Museum of Aviation's Foundation, said he's looking forward to what the hangar has in store.

"It's going up very quickly, as everybody can see," he said. "We must be at least six weeks ahead of schedule, so that's a good thing. We want to get it up as soon as we can so as many World War II veterans as possible can see it and appreciate it and know that we're going to remember them and think about the tremendous things they did in World War II."

The aviation museum foundation president said the new addition will bring many educational opportunities for teaching math, science and meteorology lessons tied to the war.

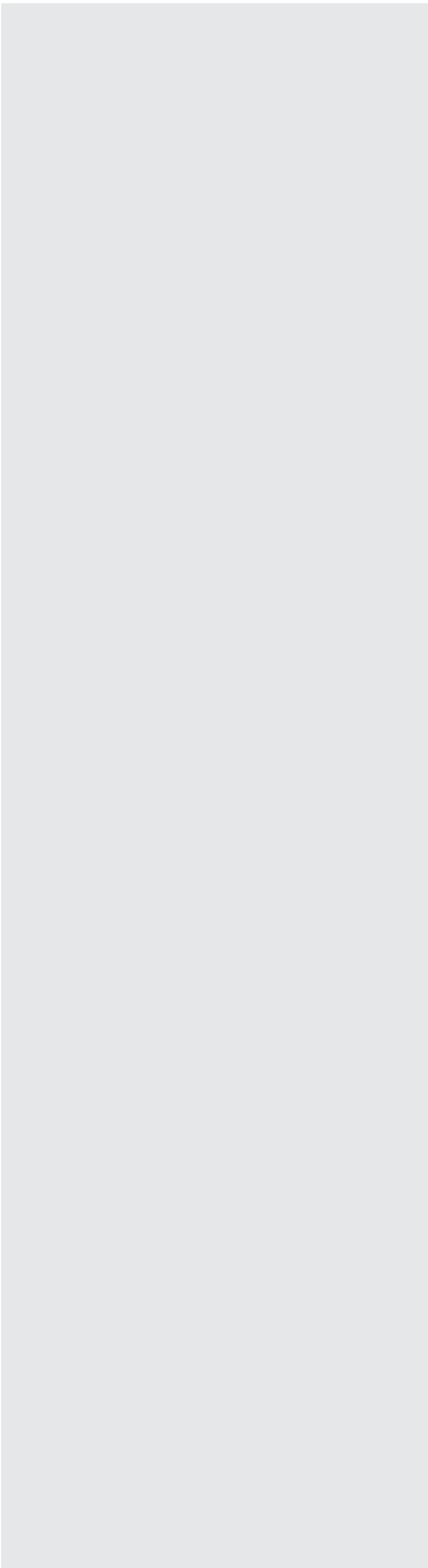
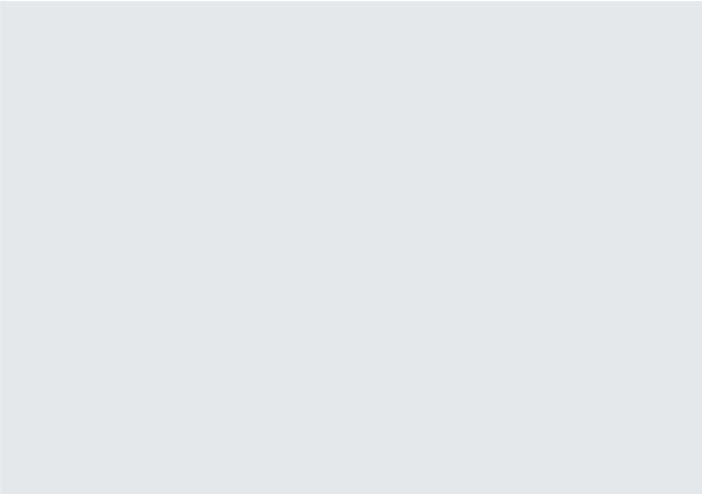
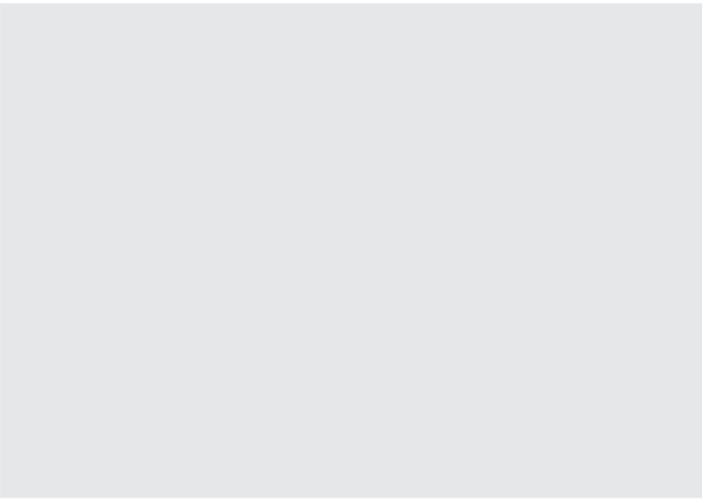
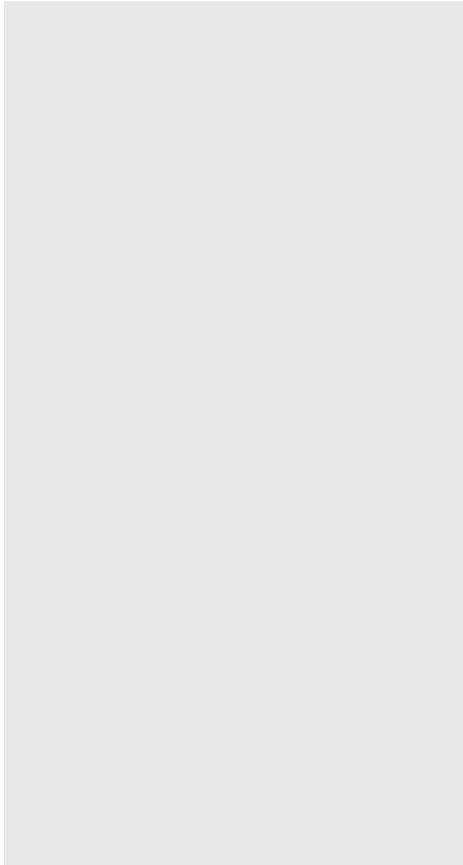
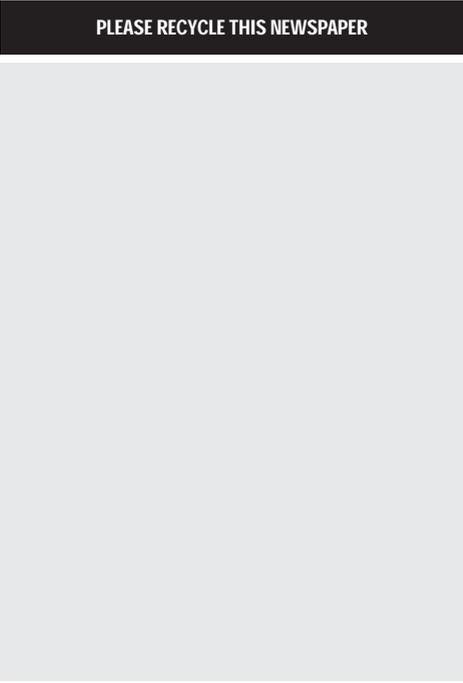
In addition, Mr. Bartness said the moving of aircraft from areas like the Eagle Building and other nearby hangers will create room for displays that center on Robins Air Force Base's more current missions and the history of how Robins came to be.

Ken Emery, Museum of Aviation director, said the World War II hangar will allow the museum to better tell the story of aviation history.

"We're really excited about the hangar going up," he said. "Of course, it's going to add 60,000 square feet to display space and that's 60,000 square feet for us to shelter some aircraft out of the weather. We're looking towards the end of the year as the building finishes up to move the first airplanes inside."

Once the hangar is completed with displays and aircraft, the building will be worth \$5.4 million.

The Museum of Aviation's Foundation has been raising the money for the project through various means and continues to find means to fund the project.



"What we are discovering is that there are, in fact, areas where we can lighten our (energy consumption) footprint. As a part of our nation's defense, we should consider what we need to be available in the event of an interruption in energy supplies, and to push technologies that reduce our energy demand. We launched several energy reduction initiatives around our Air Force including Low Speed Vehicles with reduced energy consumption; and yes the use of those fluorescent bulbs, that retailers are discounting, produce light at a reduced electrical load." — **Secretary of the Air Force, Michael W. Wynne**

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Practice makes perfect



Staff Sgt. Christopher Johnson, 78th Communications Squadron, is weighed and added to a manifest July 17, by Hope Johnson, chief of passenger travel, during a mobility exercise.

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Air Force Honor Guard chief proud to serve

While assigned to serve Airmen of the Air Force Honor Guard, I continue to note one of the most humbling experiences in my 26-year tenure, the opportunity to stand on the grounds of the Air Force Memorial.

Like most experiences, they only become important when we assign and retain meaning to them. The memorial itself is of the finest quality. It's situated to provide the most breathtaking views of the Pentagon, the Washington Mall and Arlington National Cemetery, where our heroes from all services, all wars, are laid to rest.

A bronze sculpture of Air Force Honor Guardsmen reflects all Airmen who have served, are serving or will serve. The figures are 8 feet tall; the flags reach a height of approximately 15 feet.

It was my first glimpse of this bronze sculpture that moved me to humility. My thoughts went immediately to the countless unsung Airmen I've served with.

The "Cable Dogs," laying

computer lines to keep our networks operational, polishing their boots even though they were descending underground.

The mighty "Convoy" Airmen, enduring groundbreaking field training to meet and then exceed cargo-hauling demands on the most treacherous roads.

Supply, fuels and contracting teams always steady and ready to sustain us at home and in deployed locations.

Civil engineer Airmen who can turn a bare field into an operational command post.

The air traffic controllers who bring home multiple joint-service teams, keeping the airspace safe and the missions on time.

Services Airmen maximizing quality of life, with limited resources, for us and our families.

Security forces Airmen standing watch long after we've called it a day.

Instructors in all capacities, updating curriculum and demanding excellence to ensure competence from

every student.

Our civilian teams, some serving right alongside us in deployed locations.

Let me not forget our pilots and "maintainers," those of the legacy generation and those with new air and space visions to fulfill.

As the parent of four amazing young adults, my thoughts also include the family teams that make up our incredible military communities.

I will always be thankful for the support and care of helping hands.

Finally, my thoughts survey my current team of ceremonial guardsmen, up before sunrise, checking meticulous detail after detail, to ensure we represent all Air Force members with unprecedented excellence like it was an inaugural event. The stillness is broken only by the sound of our premier United States Air Force Band, providing the cadence for the first step off the marks.

You don't have enough time and I don't have enough space to list all the Airmen

and incredible citizens, past and present, that come to mind.

Philip Kennicott, a staff writer for the Washington Post, wrote in his article "Wild Blue Yonder" that Honor Guard figures felt "a little bit like a 35 cent plastic bride and groom figurine stuck on a \$500 wedding cake." Sadly, for a few he may be right.

However, a larger truth is evident. There will never, and I mean never, be a monument that will encapsulate the tremendous intangible contributions Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines make to this country. The armed forces provide a gift to all Americans that no other institution can — freedom. This is truly a priceless gift; we don't even require its recipients to be on the front line, nor understand the experience of war. I am proud to serve because, I am an American Airman.

—This commentary was written by Chief Master Sgt. Robin Johnson, Air Force Honor Guard.

Officer's philosophy is 'adapt or die'

Three words stood emblazoned on a small plaque in the colonel's office: Adapt or die.

In the colonel's typical freight-train style, he explained his philosophy to me -- the new lieutenant. We have those moments early in our careers when we hear something from a senior leader that sticks with us. I was having my moment.

Heard well before the flat world described by Thomas Friedman or Spencer Johnson's movement of cheese, the adapt or die philosophy has been an invaluable guideline for me since that first assignment.

Adapt or die is simple. Every new leader we encounter has a unique style, interlaced with likes, dislikes, pet peeves and idiosyncrasies. Your job is to figure those out and chart a course through them to success. Don't expect the leader to change their style to accommodate you.

Work hard to make your end-product suit your leader.

That is when smiles begin and once you get the boss smiling, that is a good day.

Adaptation is also important in dealing with colleagues. Knowing the environment you're entering before wading in with a request can mean the difference between hitting brick walls and hurdling them in stride. See the issue from both sides, orient yourself to the different points of view involved, and then adapt your attack to achieve your ultimate goal. Smashing through a door with a big hammer will get you through the door once, but figuring out how to turn the handle and open the door will allow you to use it many times.

I once asked the colonel if he had ever said to anyone, "You're not adapting!" He said he had used that phrase with two officers in his career and neither of them stayed in the Air Force for very long. He went on to note that he hadn't processed them out of

the Air Force. Neither officer was able to adapt to their next leader, at which juncture they were encouraged to seek their fortunes in venues outside of the Air Force.

A corollary to the adapt or die principle became evident when the colonel organized staff work. He would calmly announce to all of us young officers, "I'm not writing the response. That's what captains and lieutenants are for."

At first, this caused a lot of choice words uttered under our breath, but I began to realize the power the colonel was placing in our hands. A well-prepared memo was often signed quickly. A well-thought plan received his enthusiastic backing. In short, he gave us the power to shape policy and make things happen in his name. What once sounded like a flippant remark turned into how I decided what the response will say, I wrote the memo, and the colonel signed it. I helped shape policy.

Too often we are more than willing to abdicate our responsibility to be an active voice for our leaders. The attitude of "send it through and the boss will bleed all over it, then we'll write it the way they want" can bring organizations to a screeching halt. Soon, the entire unit adopts a passive posture, waiting for the leader to give direction before they do anything.

Don't fall into this trap! Adapt to the leader's style and forge ahead. In many units, there is the Airman, NCO or company grade officer who always seems to know what's going on. He is the person to whom everyone else is willing to listen and value his judgment. The challenge is to be that person -- the one who makes things happen, not wonder what happened.

Adapt or die. Do one or the other.

— This commentary was written by Lt. Col. Patrick Reese 354th Medical Support Squadron commander.



Col. Theresa Carter
78th Air Base Wing commander

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Ticketing of illegal handicap parking

When I arrived at work this morning I discovered a vehicle parked in my handicap spot. I put a ticket on it and called the security forces desk to see if they could find the individual to move the vehicle. I was told they could do nothing. Is there no penalty on base other than just points for the ticket that can be done for those parked illegally in a handicap parking spot? If it was in town, they would have to pay a fine and could have the vehicle towed. I know how bad parking is on base, as my building (Bldg. 319) has serious issues with a lack of parking. I've had problems with people going to the gym parking in spots marked 30 minute visitor. These spots are designated for those doing business or visiting people here in the Transportation building. Needless to say I have run into road blocks getting something done about this. I even asked 78th Security Forces and they said other than ticketing nothing could be done. That means I have to sit at the door at peak gym times and watch who is going to the gym in order to ticket properly. This takes away from my other duties and is very frustrating. I appreciate any information, ideas or suggestions you could provide for either of these problems.

Colonel Carter's Response:

Parking is a very sensitive topic among the base population. Vehicles illegally parked in handicapped spaces not displaying proper decals are subject to a DD Form 1408, Armed Forces Traffic Citation. Additionally, in accordance with RAFBI 31-204, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, personnel illegally parked in a designated "handicapped" parking space are subject to a 30-day suspension of base driving privileges for the first offense, 60-day driving suspension for the second offense within any consecutive 12-month period and a 6-month driving suspension for any subsequent offenses within any consecutive 12-month period.

In your reference to illegal parking off the installation, according to Georgia Traffic Code 40-6-226(g), you can receive a fine and possibly be towed if the sign is specifically marked "Tow Away Zone". Currently, Robins does not have any specifically marked handicap tow away zones. I would like to remind personnel that operating a vehicle on the installation is a privilege. It is the responsibility of every member on Robins to ensure integrity is at the top of your priority list. The purpose of the parking monitor program is to augment security forces so they may provide priority security and law enforcement responses to the installation. It is critical that assigned parking monitors periodically monitor their assigned areas for parking violations. When available, Security Forces may conduct selective enforcement patrols throughout the installation.

PUT YOUR HANDS TOGETHER FOR ...

The "Put your hands together for..." feature is a monthly installment to the Robins Rev-Up. Due to the overwhelming number of awards people at Robins receive, we just aren't able to cover them all. This feature is our way of ensuring we give credit where we can. The installment runs in the last issue published each month.

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Three named for 2007 Federal Manager Association award

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With so many worthy contenders competing for the 2007 Outstanding Federal Manager of the Year award, narrowing down the list was too tough, but the 2007 Managers of the Year Committee chose three award recipients.

Those recipients – Donna Frazier, 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group deputy director; Mickie Cranford, chief of C-130 Contracting in the 330th Aircraft Combat Sustainment Group; and Bob Campbell, chief engineer in the 782nd Combat Sustainment Group – were recognized during the FMA Chapter 121 awards luncheon at the Officer's Club July 11.

Additionally, three high school seniors from local schools each received \$500 scholarships from the association. Recipients included Lacey Harnage, a senior at Houston County High School; Denise Bringslid, a senior at Houston County High School; and Brandon Gochenour, a senior at First Presbyterian Day School.

The Outstanding Federal Manager of the Year Awards are presented for outstanding contributions in promoting efficiency, economy, improved operations,

and the elimination of fraud, waste, and abuse in government.

Mrs. Frazier, who just recently joined FMA, said the news of her honor was surprising.

"I'm honored," she said. "What's even more important to me is the recognition the group gets. I was recognized, but it was from the work that my squadron director and the other managers and the workforce did that allowed me to be recognized."

The 45-year-old Warner Robins native said she thinks the accomplishments of the 402nd EMXG being able to meet warfighter requirements led to her honor.

"We had a lot of change in the last year," she said. "We had a complete turnover of our squadron staff and our group-level staff, so all new managers, all new EMXG. It's just a culmination of a new team being put together and the success that new blood brought to the organization."

Mr. Campbell also gave much of the credit of his achievement to the success of others.

"It shows a great deal of concern on the part of people that I work for and recognizes the kind of work that we do and the level of effort that we're putting in to try to streamline and make things more efficient," he said. "I think it's just a lot of work."

Ms. Cranford, who has been at Robins for 23 years, said winning an award of this magnitude

isn't done alone.

"It's a wonderful thing when things happen in your organization that your people carry through (and you're recognized," she said. "We support Air Force and foreign military sales. So, over the last year, we've been able to execute a contract with Lockheed Martin for center wing box replacements and the maximum value is going to be about \$690 million. It's going to keep our C-130s flying for years, and on the foreign military sales, we were able to award in the last year a requirement for the government of Poland (to have) five C-130E models. That allows them to participate in the Global War on Terrorism."

Ms. Cranford said her organization was able to achieve these tasks quickly for the warfighter.

"You do your job every day," she said. "You reward your folks. You try to put in (for) awards. You try to make sure you give them the pats on the back, the right appraisals. But, when it comes your turn and you're nominated, it's quite an honor."

Mr. Campbell, a 12-year FMA member, said he takes pride in being a part of the prestigious organization.

"I think the Federal Managers Association is a good forum for managers to get information on what's happening with the current changes that we're all going

through," he said.

Christine Parker, president of FMA Chapter 121 at Robins, said she is proud of each award winner and nominee.

"We received a lot of nominations this year, which is good," she said. "Word got out and people were eager to nominate their high-achieving federal managers. We decided to choose three Federal Manager of the Year award recipients for 2007."

Mrs. Parker said the award reflects all of the wonderful things Robins' people are doing every day.

"They all were outstanding people. (These) are people who are leaders, movers, and shakers at Robins. They (the judges) had a tough job sorting out who to pick for the three awards, but everybody definitely is a shining star in the Robins community."



Donna Frazier



Denise Bringslid



Bob Campbell



Lacey Harnage



Brandon Gochenour

► **21st Century Partnership Team Quality Award**



The 330th Aircraft Sustainment Wing team (top) and 402nd Maintenance Wing team were awarded the 21st Century Partnership Team Quality Award. The award recognizes outstanding team performance, promotes increased productivity and emphasizes teamwork and continuous improvement including savings and cost avoidances. Of eight nominations, two teams were selected as finalists and given the chance to make 15-minute oral presentations. Both teams were unanimously selected as winners by the 21st Century Partnership judges.

► Antiterrorism award

Capt. Nicholas Phillips and Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Toellner, 78th Air Base Wing antiterrorism and force protection professionals, earned AFMC's best Antiterrorism Program award. *(Photo of Captain Phillips was unavailable.)*



Tech. Sgt.
Jeffrey Toellner

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► Long Term, Full Time selectees

The following people have been selected by the local Long Term, Full Time Academic Degree Program selection board to begin school this Fall:

402nd Maintenance Wing

- William Gambill
- Robin Hamsley
- Daniel P. Hayes
- David W. Johnson
- Victor Josey
- Paul R. Kempton III

330th Aircraft Sustainment Wing

- Dexter Carlton
- Tori N. Martens
- J. Lanier Meeks

WR-ALC Information Technology Directorate

- Kevin Carter

542nd Combat Sustainment Wing

- Michael W. Rogers

ROBINS RETIREMENTS

The following people have been announced as optional civilian retirees:

- James Baldwin
- Stanley Childs
- Kenneth Cook
- Gary Craig
- Charles Crowe
- Patricia Culpepper
- Kyle Dismuke
- Charles Gibbs
- Thomas Goodson
- Daphne Kelley
- Lettie Haugabrook
- Walter Haywood
- Melvin Hudson
- Winfred Huff
- Robert Hunt
- David Lamb
- Chester Prouty
- Von Putnam
- Chris Purvis
- Billy Rogers
- Jeffrey Rosner
- William Schofill
- Howard Smith
- Harry Soles
- Iris Strange
- Barbara Theus



Shawn Hickman, a flap shop employee, replaces a spar on a flap July 17. The flap shop is a part of the 402nd Maintenance Wing's Commodities Maintenance Group.

U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

What's all the **Flap** about

Flap shop maintainers proud to serve their country on the back line



Steve Foote makes a repair to correct a rivet hole size.



Tommie Wilder holds a leading edge rib showing corrosion which is the main reason for flap repair.



Geri Williams fabricates new skins for the flaps.



Julie Cates (left) and Rodney Slocumb take apart a flap for repair in the tear-down area of the shop.

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Knowing your work can end up on the front line of the war against terror could motivate anyone, and the Robins flap shop is no exception.

Members of the flap shop team understand how important their maintenance work is to warfighters around the world because they know these C-130s are flying everyday as a part of the effort.

"We do all the C-130 (Hercules) center wing and outer wing flaps. They all go to supply and support the MISTR (Management of Items Subject to Repair) and then anybody around the world can get them that needs them," said Mike Odum, first-line supervisor for the flap shop.

However, as the war on terror continues, members of the flap shop are working hard to meet higher demands and new mission requirements.

The team of maintainers are preparing for new workloads expected to begin in 2009 where the existing workload of about 20 sets of flaps, which consist of two center wings

and two outer wings, will increase each year to about 100 sets.

To help meet the future requirements, the shop is already hiring additional hands and working to lean their processes.

"We want to give the warfighter what he needs at the time when he needs it. While providing the best quality we can provide for the cheapest cost," Mr. Odum said.

Joe Collins, work leader in the flap shop, agreed the quality of each flap repaired is of the utmost importance and meeting the quality standard as fast as possible is their mission.

Mr. Collins is in charge of inspecting each flap and approving each job before sending the flap back to supply.

"If he (Mr. Collins) puts his stamp of approval on it, it's good to go," Mr. Odum said.

By the time a flap receives Mr. Collins' stamp of approval, the flap is ready to return to the warfighter in an improved condition.

Each flap goes through several stages of maintenance before the flap is ready to

return to supply and support the Air Force mission once again.

When the flap arrives to the flap shop, members of the team drill it down and remove all the skins of the flap before sending it to Bldg. 180 to be cleaned and repainted, Mr. Odum said.

"We can't really see the corrosion until they clean and upgrade," Mr. Wilder said.

Once it returns, the team starts the structural repairs and upgrades to the flap. The structural work requires that additional ribs and stiffeners be added and any corrosion, bends or brakes to the existing ribs or spars be replaced.

"If it is corroded, you can just break it off like a potato chip," Mr. Wilder said.

The structural repairs increase the thickness of the flap, which helps the flap perform better once reinstalled on a C-130.

"We are just beefing it up a little more," Mr. Wilder said.

After all the structural work is repaired it is sent back to Bldg. 180 to get primed on the inside.

The team then uses the old

skin as a drill template to help them start drilling holes for the new skins. Then it is easier to place the new skin on the flap and continue drilling the holes. "Every skin has to be replaced. About nine skins total have to be replaced," Mr. Wilder said. Then it goes back to Bldg. 180 for the final paint before returning to the shop for final touches, such as the last trailing edge skin. Once it is installed, the flap is checked

for foreign-object damage, cleaned and sealed.

Members of the team are constantly trying to find leaner methods to complete the necessary repairs. One of the changes the future will bring is members of the flap shop team will soon no longer be required to manufacture their own skins for the flaps so the team can focus on installing the skins on the flaps.

Mr. Wilder said the respon-

sibility of supplying parts to those fighting the war against terror makes all the maintainers take pride in each flap they repair.

"I'm not on the front line. I'm on the back line, but my job is important because they (those on the front line) are relying on us," said Mr. Wilder. "My job is to supply them with what they need to fight the War on Terror. We are in it for the long haul."

FRIDAY
Casino Night will be tonight at 6 p.m. at the Robins Officers' Club and is open to all ranks and grades. Cost is \$20 per person for club members and \$23 per person for nonmembers. Tickets will be sold at the door and includes: \$300 in play chips, hors d'oeuvres, entertainment and prize auction. Featured games include craps, blackjack, roulette and Texas Hold 'Em. Club members will get \$50 additional chips when they show their club cards. This cannot be combined with any other discount. Sponsored in part by Thomas Instruments. No federal endorsement of sponsor is intended. For information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

SUNDAY
Sunday champagne brunch is open to all ranks and grades from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Robins Officers' Club. Enjoy all-you-care-to-eat breakfast, dinner entrees, carving station, salad bar, dessert and ice cream bar and much more. Cost is \$11.95 for members, \$13.95 for nonmembers and \$6.95 for children (3 to 10 years old) and children two years and younger are free. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

MONDAY
Triple S Monday with soup, salad and sandwiches is available at the officers' club from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$7.25. Enjoy made-to-order sandwiches or a full course salad bar with a variety of rotating gourmet soups. New special: soup and half sandwich combo only \$5.25 and wings and nachos for \$3.50. Lunch is open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

TUESDAY
Free tacos are available to club members Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the enlisted club, located in Bldg. 956. For more information call the enlisted lounge at 926-7625.

A lunch buffet is held every Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the officers' club. Cost for hot lunch or salad bar is \$6.50 members and \$7.50 nonmembers or for both hot lunch and salad bar \$7.50 members and \$8.50 nonmembers. Lunch is open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

WEDNESDAY
The officers' club is available for evening dining Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 6 to 9 p.m. Enjoy prime rib on Wednesdays, butchers choice on Thursdays and a la carte with rotating dinner specials on Fridays and Saturdays. Kids, 10 years and younger eat free Wednesdays and Thursdays off the kid's menu with the purchase of an adult entrée. Evening dining is no longer available on Tuesdays. For more information, call the club at 926-2670.

Enjoy pizza Wednesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Robins Officers' Club. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

Enjoy M.U.G. and Mic Night on Wednesdays at the enlisted club, located in Bldg. 956. Participants may bring musical instruments and show their talent and bring their own mugs and get refills (up to 24 ounces) for only \$2. The fun begins at 7 p.m. Cost for entry is \$2 for nonmembers. For more information call the enlisted lounge at 926-7625.

THURSDAY
Every Thursday night, enjoy karaoke with DJ Rockmaster "D" from 7 p.m. to closing in the enlisted lounge, located in Bldg. 956. For more information call the enlisted lounge at 926-7625.

UPCOMING
A First Friday "Hawaiian Night" will be held at the Robins Enlisted and Officers' Clubs from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Aug. 3. First Friday means great food, chances to win cash and prizes, entertainment and drink specials. Entertainment will be DJ Willie Nelson. Members must be present to win. Cost is members free and nonmembers \$5. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625.

A yard sale will be held Aug. 4 from 8 a.m. to noon in front of the enlisted club, Bldg. 956. Set up starts at 7:15 a.m. Cost is \$7 per table (limit 3 per person). This is a first-come, first-served basis for the tables. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

Texas Hold 'Em is moving to Saturdays starting Aug. 4 with sign up at 1:30 p.m. and games at 2 p.m. Prizes include the following: First place \$85 gift card, second place \$55 gift card, third place \$35 gift card and fourth place \$25 gift card. The entertainment fee is \$10 for club members and \$15 for nonmembers and includes snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. Texas Hold 'Em is open to all ranks and grades. For more information call the enlisted club, located in Bldg. 956.

DONATE YOUR LEAVE

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave.

For that special occasion

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Joyce Brannon, Arts and Crafts Center director, blows up a mylar balloon. The center offers balloon bouquets for all occasions, gift and novelty items to go with the bouquets and can do latex balloons for events. For more information contact the arts and crafts center at 926-5282.



at 926-7625.

The Robins Officers' and Enlisted Clubs present the Superstar Comedy Jam Aug. 11 at the base restaurant beginning at 9 p.m. The show will feature Michael Blackson, Willie Brown with Woody and a third special guest comedian. Tickets are on sale now at the officers' club cashier office Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$15 for members and \$17 for nonmembers. This event is open to all ranks and grades. Brought to you by Mack-Tyrne Entertainment. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670. Bring your ticket stub from the Superstar Comedy Jam to receive a discounted admission to the Chris Williams "Lady's Night" house party at the enlisted club lounge Aug. 11. Cost is \$3 members (with ticket) and \$5 nonmembers (with ticket). For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to Movies in the Park at Robins Park Aug. 17 for a presentation of "Cinderella." The movie will start at dark and concessions will be on sale. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

Local radio personality Chris Williams will be holding a house party every Saturday night from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. starting in August. Doors will open at 9 p.m. An all white party (dress to impress in white) will be held Aug. 4; ladies night (free entrance before 11 p.m.) on Aug. 11; 70s disco night (best costume) on Aug. 18 and end the summer in style on Aug. 25. Cost will be \$5 for members and \$10 for nonmembers. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-7625.

The Colossal Cookie challenge will be held Aug. 23 from 11 am. to 1 p.m. at the community center located in Bldg. 956. Entries will be judged on taste, appearance and creativity. Entry forms are available at the community center. Please register by Aug. 21. This competition is open to all Robins active duty, reserve and retired military and DOD civilians and family members. For more information call 926-2105.

Come out to the officers' club during your birthday month and receive a \$15 coupon to redeem toward your meal. Birthday coupons are available to club members of all ranks and grades. Coupons may be picked up at the cashier office. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

Individuals living in base housing who provide care for children other than their own, for more than 10 hours a week on a regular basis, must be licensed. Anyone who provides care on a regular basis and is not licensed, please contact Vera Keasley, FCC coordinator at 926-6741 to start the licensing process. Individuals who fail to do so may place their housing privilege in jeopardy, which may be revoked by the mission support group commander.

Outdoor Recreation For more information on these programs and events call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

► A tree climbing rendezvous will be held at F.D. Roosevelt State Park, Pine Mountain, Ga., Aug. 11. Cost is \$58 per person and includes van ride, three hour assisted guide and instruction and all equipment. Meet at outdoor recreation at 9 a.m. for 9:30 a.m. departure with return to outdoor recreation at 7 p.m. A minimum of 12 people is required to host this trip. Register by July 30.

► Take part in paintball fun with Outdoor Adventure at On Target Paintball Aug. 24 from 4 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$28 per person and includes a wooded area for daylight shooting, and a lit field for night speed ball. Paintball equipment will be available for use as well as an air conditioned room for breaks. We will meet at

On Target Paintball at 3:45 p.m. Persons 18 years old and older are permitted to play. Youth ages 10 to 17 years old may come with an adult over 18 years of age. Participants may also purchase additional paintballs for \$45 a case (2,000) or \$15 a box (500). A minimum of 15 people are required to participate. Register at outdoor recreation, Bldg. 914 by Aug. 10.

► Join outdoor recreation on a trip to Biltmore Castle, Asheville, N.C., Sept. 28. Meet at outdoor recreation at 9 a.m. for 9:30 a.m. departure. The group will return Sept. 30 at 6 p.m. Cost is \$398 (1 person/1 room); \$546 (2 person/1 room); \$694 (3 people/1 room) and \$842 (4 people/1 room). Package includes van ride, hotel, Biltmore Castle, gardens, winery and farm village. Deadline to sign up is Sept. 7. A minimum of 10 people is required for this trip.

A family bike hike poker run will be held Aug. 18 starting at 11 a.m. Participants must have own bikes and helmets. The event is free to enter. Prizes will be given away for best individual poker hand and best family poker hand. For more information, call the fitness center at 926-2128.

The parent and child workout area in Bldg. 826 will be closed for cleaning at the following times: Monday through Friday from 6 to 7:30 a.m. and 6 to 7:30 p.m. and a final cleaning at 10 p.m.; Saturdays from 7 to 8 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m. and a final cleaning at 9 p.m. and Sundays from 7 to 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. tonon and a final cleaning at 8 p.m. For more information, call the fitness center at 926-2128.

Let's Celebrate Summer Bash will be held at Robins Park Sept. 22 from 4 to 8 p.m. This event will include rides, games and prize drawings. For more information, call the community center at 926-2105.

Youth fall sports registration will be held until filled for tackle football (ages 11 to 12 years old), flag football (ages 5 to 10 years old), cheerleading (ages 5 to 12 years old), fall soccer (ages 5 to 18 years old) and start smart soccer (ages 3 to 4 years old). Hours to register will be Monday to Friday, 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Coaches are needed in all areas. To register or for more details, visit the youth center in Bldg. 1021 or call 926-2110.

ONGOING Information, Tickets and Travel Robins Enlisted Club, Bldg. 956 has the following tickets for sale. For more information on these or other events, call 926-2945.

► The FOX Theatre presents, Wizard of Oz on Aug. 4 at 2 p.m. or Aug. 11 at noon, cost is \$60.50; West Side Story on Aug. 25 at 2 p.m., cost is \$60.50 and Stomp on Sept. 22 at 2 p.m., cost is \$57. All seats are located in the orchestra level. A limited number of tickets are available.

The bowling center has the following specials. To learn more call 926-2112. The Robins Lanes Bowling Center has a full line up of events and specials Aug. 8 through 11 to show appreciation to its customers:

► A Robins Commanders tournament is slated for Aug. 10 at 2 p.m. Cost is free to play. Prizes will be awarded: 1st place \$100 toward unit's booster club and trophy; 2nd place \$50 toward unit's booster club and 3rd place \$25 toward unit's booster club. Open to all squadrons, office and unit organizations. Limited to the first 16 team players with teams consisting of four people. Bowl three games of 9-pin no tap. Sign-ups begin Aug. 1.

► The annual King and Queen tournament will be held Aug. 8 and 9 at 6 p.m. Entry fee is \$5 with a prize of \$150 gift certificate.

► A special Thunder Alley will be held Aug. 10 from 9 to 11 p.m. Cost is free

and sign-ups begin at 8 p.m. No reservations will be accepted. Enjoy another special Thunder Alley on Aug. 11 from 9 to 11 p.m. for \$5 per person.

► An open house will be Aug. 11 from 1 to 11 p.m. Events will include: youth league pre-registration and program booth from 1 to 6 p.m., (all youths pre-registered will be entered in a drawing to win a Nintendo Wii); registration and welcome booth from 1 to 8 p.m. (fill out registration form and comment card to qualify for a \$250 cash prize); complimentary bowling from 1 to 8 p.m. (one free game of bowling); learn to bowl from 2 to 4 p.m. and beat the manager from 2 to 6 p.m., cost \$1 per game (individuals that beat managers score will be entered to win a Hammer Black Widow Pearl bowling ball). Festivities will include face painting from 1 to 5 p.m., moon walk from 1 to 8 p.m., combination bouncer/slide from 1 to 8 p.m. and door prizes. Enjoy a free hot dog, chips and soda for the first 500 to attend.

► A bowler's appreciation day (Quartermania) will be held Aug. 12 from 1 to 6 p.m. All games are 25 cents each.

► Fall leagues are forming now and play will begin in September. Registration will be held during normal operating hours until each league is filled.

Pine Oaks Golf Course has the following specials. To learn more, call 926-4103.

► A Seniors Championship is slated for Aug. 11 with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Cost is \$25 for players 50 years and older and includes golf, cart, prizes and lunch.

► A Link up 2 Golf reunion will be held Aug. 13 at 5 p.m. for all former graduates. Cost is \$15 per person and includes refresher golf clinic, 6-hole golf event and cart.

► A twilight special will be held in August on Monday and Tuesday starting at 4 p.m. Cost is \$15 green fee with cart. Every Monday and Tuesday in August pay only \$20 for green fee and cart.

► Play golf after 2 p.m. on weekends in August and pay only \$22 for green fee and cart.

► Link Up 2 Golf offers participants over \$300 in savings for \$109 per person. Class V will be held on Tuesdays July 24, 31 and Aug. 7 and 14 at 5:30 p.m. Class VI will be Thursdays July 26 and Aug. 2, 9 and 16 at 5:30 p.m. Sign up at the pro shop.

► Every Monday and Tuesday in August pay only \$15 for green fee and cart starting at 4 p.m.

The 78th Services Division has a new internet address. Go to www.robins-services.com for all the information you need regarding Services. For more information please call 926-6153.

The barber shop located in Bldg. 956 is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All ages, ranks and grades are welcome. For more information, call 923-9593.

The officers' club barber shop is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and closed for lunch from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. All ages, ranks and grades are welcome. For more information, call 918-0775.

Robins introduces Jane's Intelligence Centres — a centralized online collection that joins reference, news and analysis in five complementary areas:

- Defense Equipment and Technology
- Defense Industry and Markets
- Military and Security Assessments
- Terrorism and Insurgency
- Defense Forecasts

Take a trial run of the Jane's Intelligence Centres through Aug. 16 at the library or desktop at <http://www2.janes.com>. Once you take your trial run please take the time to let your base library know what you think. E-mail blanchella.casey@robins.af.mil with your feedback.

NOW PLAYING



Adult tickets are \$3.50; children 11 years old and younger tickets are \$2. Movies start at 7:30 p.m., unless noted. For more information, call the base theater at 926-2919.



FRIDAY

FANTASTIC FOUR: RISE OF THE SILVER SURFER

Ioan Gruffudd, Jessica Alba

The enigmatic, intergalactic herald, the Silver Surfer, comes to Earth to prepare it for destruction. As he races around the globe wreaking havoc, Reed, Sue, Johnny and Ben must unravel the mystery of the Silver Surfer and confront the surprising return of their mortal enemy, Dr. Doom, before all hope is lost. Rated PG. 91 minutes.

SATURDAY

NANCY DREW

Emma Roberts, Tate Donovan

Nancy Drew, the resourceful teen detective, leaves her friendly hometown of River Heights for the West Coast and enrolls at Hollywood High School. There her unique personal style immediately sets her apart from her self-absorbed, fast-living peers, especially reigning fashionistas Inga and Trish, who can't quite figure her out but know that everything about her is different — from her super smarts and retro manners to her perfect picnic lunches and penny loafers. Rated PG. 99 minutes

UPCOMING

EVAN ALMIGHTY

Steve Carell, Morgan Freeman

Newly elected to Congress, the polished, preening newscaster, Evan Baxter, is the next one anointed by God to accomplish a holy mission — walking in the footsteps of Bruce Almighty. Evan leaves Buffalo behind and shepherds his family to suburban northern Virginia. Once there, his life gets turned upside down when God appears and mysteriously commands him to build an ark. Rated PG. 90 minutes

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic

Catholic masses are held at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and a 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Islamic

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jum'ah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

Jewish

Jewish service is Fridays at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

Orthodox Christian

St. Innocent Orthodox Church service is at the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

Protestant

The traditional service meets Sunday in the Chapel at 11 a.m. featuring hymns, anthems, congregational prayers and readings. Contemporary service meets at 6 p.m. in the Chapel Sanctuary, singing the latest praise and worship music. The gospel service meets at 8 a.m. at the Chapel, praising God with inspirational music. Religious education meets in Bldg. 905 at 9:30 a.m.

The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Robins Rev-Up, wings should send information to Lanorris Askew at lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

Savory baked chicken a favorite for Robins chef

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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(Editor's note: This is the third article in a seven-part series.)

Like some men, Desmond Culler likes to work with his hands. But instead of working on cars or tinkering in the garage or taking on a home improvement project, the 49-year-old Perry, Ga., native loves to cook.

Mr. Culler has served as the senior chef at the Wynn Dining Facility for 15 years. But the military crowd isn't the only customers the father of eight has cooked for. Mr. Culler has shared his culinary wealth at local restaurants and a well-known church in the Warner Robins community.

Mr. Culler's cooking is still featured in the Middle Georgia community. He and his wife, Sharon, cater wedding receptions at his church.

It was the chef's connections in the community that led him to keeping military members' appetites well-fed at Robins.

Mr. Culler's menu gives military patrons a wide variety of options to satisfy their hunger.

Out of all the creations he's authored, his savory baked chicken is one of his more impressive dishes, the chef said.

"It seems I just mastered it," he said. "I get a lot of compliments from people about it. I just love doing it. Everywhere I fix it, the people enjoy it."

If people are looking for something different, Mr. Culler said his savory baked chicken is the main course to take.

"It's different," he said. "You know everybody gets the baked chicken and teriyaki chicken and stuff like that, but a lot of people hadn't tasted the savory baked chicken."

Green beans, mashed potatoes, or any other side item could serve as good complementary dishes for the chicken entree.

Mr. Culler said he believes he has a knack for cooking.

"I just like satisfying people," he said. "I like the public in general."

Work isn't the only place he cooks. He often tries his hand in his own kitchen on special occasions.

"I cook the big dinners like Thanksgiving and Christmas," he said. "My wife cooks the everyday



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

When Desmond Culler isn't fixing something delicious for the Wynn Dining Facility customers, he can be found in his own kitchen cooking delicious dishes, like his famous savory baked chicken.

meals."

And when he's not whipping up food for his family or those at the base, he can be found in the bakery-deli at one of the local grocery stores in town. Mr. Culler said one of the key ingredients in the making of a good cook is being a good listener.

"The chef I used to work up under, he used to tell me that I was going to be a good chef because I listened," he said. "A lot of times, people won't listen and they try to move too fast. I started out as a dish washer and worked my way up."

The budding chef said his curiosity opened the door to greater opportunity. But, it was his willingness to listen that brought him to where he is today.

Savory Baked Chicken:

10 pounds of chicken,
1 pint of soy sauce
1 pint of salad oil
2 tbspoons of garlic powder
2 tbspoons of onion powder
1 teaspoon of black pepper
2 tbspoons of parsley flakes
Salt to taste.

Mix ingredients well and marinate chicken in the mixture in a mixing bowl for one hour. Bake at 300 degrees for one hour.



Robins engineer wins industry award for test equipment work

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For eight years, Dempsey Ventress sat among his peers at the Auto Test Conference and admired those who had earned the John Slattery Professional Achievement Award.

Now, Mr. Ventress, chief of the Support Engineer Element and a supervisory general engineer in the 402nd Electronics Maintenance's Group's Avionics Depot in the 402nd Maintenance Wing, is celebrating his own earning of the honor.

The 2007 John Slattery Professional Achievement Award is presented to an individual who has made major contributions to improving the state of automatic testing in support of the national security posture of the United States.

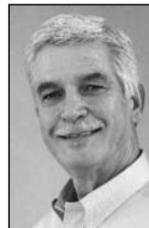
The award is sponsored by the Automatic Testing Committee of the Systems Engineering Division of the National Defense Industrial Association and honors the memory of John Slattery for his professional contributions to the advancement of automated testing.

Mr. Ventress, who has been in his current role since 1999, has managed the organic design and build of Versatile Depot Automatic Test Stations which resulted in the building of eight VDATS digital and analog testers and two radio frequency auxiliary units for fiscal 2007 on schedule and within budget.

The professional was also responsible for the creation of a common-instrumented tester concept, submitted as a transformational project and approved for funding, providing capability to move workloads among all the like-instrumented VDATS testers within the 402nd Avionics Depot.

Mr. Ventress, who was the first Air Force civilian to win the private industry award, said it took a lot of hard work to achieve the coveted award.

"It's kind of a culmination of a career," he said. "It's the highest order of recognition that I could receive."



Dempsey Ventress

The award winner never expected to be on the receiving end of such praise since the award is typically presented to a private industry contracted engineer who made notable contributions to the ATE field. So news of his receiving the honor was quite humbling for Mr. Ventress.

"It's the apostrophe on my career in automatic test equipment," he said. "It's certainly the culmination of a

lot of work with automatic test equipment. To get recognized by private industry is really a great honor because those awards typically go to a person who's in private industry."

While it may be outside the norm for a man with Mr. Ventress' background to receive the award, Jay Wood, Engineer Support Flight chief in the 402nd EMXG, said it mirrors his employee's dedication to a job well done.

"Dempsey goes above and beyond the engineering tasks that we have given him, and he also has a vision for the future of both the avionics testing world and the Air Force Electronics Repair Production in general," he said. "It's really just a testament to the innovative approach that he and his group have used to modernize the depot testers in the avionics shop at Robins from both now and into the next 20 years."

Mr. Ventress will be presented with the 2007 John Slattery Professional Achievement Award at the Auto Test Conference in Baltimore Sept. 20.

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TRADE SHOW

The annual Information Technology Trade Show will be at the Robins Community Center Aug. 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Major technology companies will be demonstrating the latest, fastest and “best of show” computers, related hardware and accessories. It is the perfect forum for IT users, buyers and planners to discuss requirements and future IT challenges with knowledgeable federal sales representatives.

The event is free and open to everyone. Extensive catering during the event will be provided. Visit <http://www.globalshows.com/Special> for a copy of the show flier.

SCHOOL PACKETS

The date of packet pick up for classroom assignments, purchasing lunch credits or completing an application for the free and reduced lunch program has been set for Aug. 3 from 8:30 a.m. to

3 p.m. If you miss this date you may still pick up the packets and classroom assignments on another day after Aug. 3. Lunch credits will not be available for sale after Aug. 3 until school begins.

LOST AND FOUND

A military duffel bag with contents, a class ring, a tent, a sleeping bag, a hand broom, a child bike, a tripod, various pocket knives, a watch, a set of keys, two machetes, a gold necklace, an aircraft picture, a monitor panel, three gym bags with contents, a bicycle helmet, a bag with electronic contents, and numerous NVG cases have been found. To identify lost property, call Ruben Martinez, found property custodian, at 926-5271.

BLOOD DRIVES

The Armed Services Blood Program and the American Red Cross will host blood drives at Robins Aug. 17.

Locations are as follows: Armed Services Blood Program

► Youth Center- 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

► Cotton Auditorium- 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Donations made at this location will directly support our troops fighting the Global War on Terrorism.

American Red Cross (Mobile Unit):

►Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command — 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

►Bldgs. 640 and 645 — 8 a.m to 1 p.m.

Donations made at this location will directly support our local community.

For more information or to schedule an appointment call DSN 497-7931, commercial 327-7931 or e-mail Staff Sgt Garah Hammack, at garah.hammack@robins.af.mil.

HISPANIC HERITAGE OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Robins Hispanic Heritage Observance committee meets every Tuesday in the Georgia room of the Robins Officers' Club at 11:15 a.m. For more information call 2nd Lt. Ron Major at 327-6207 or Lorenzo Davila at 926-5078.